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Title: SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR SMART CARD PERSONALIZATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 3, in the heading, "Related Application", replace "Application" with --Applications--.

On page 1, line 4, before "non-provisional", insert continuation of U.S. Patent
now US Pat. 5,889,941
Application No. 08/755,459, filed on November 22, 1996, which in turn is a--.

On page 1, line 5, after "April 15, 1996", insert --, both of which are incorporated herein by reference --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-24 and add the following new claims:

125. [New] A method for issuing portable programmed data carriers comprising:
acquiring personalization data for a cardholder and equipment characteristic data;
executing an external process specified by a card issuer; and
transferring the personalization data to personalization equipment as specified by the
equipment characteristic data and the external process to issue the data carrier.
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